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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED POINTS RAISED IN REF B THOROUGHLY WITH
MINCOM DIR. GEN. FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION KHOSROW
FATEMI APRIL 11 AND SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO US'S MTN/LDC
INDICATIVE LISTS REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM REF A, I.E. THAT
IT IS UNLIKELY GOI WILL RESPOND IN A TIMELY AND THOROUGH
MANNER. NO INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO GOI GENEVA
DELEGATION TO DATE ON MTN. HE INDICATED TWO ACTIVITIES
WHICH MIGHT ALTER THIS SITUATION: 1) MINCOM PLANS TO
SEND SEVERAL OFFICERS TO AN MTN SEMINAR AT BANGKOK OR
OR ABOUT MAY 1 AND FROM THAT EXPERIENCE MAY BE
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ABLE TO GENERATE SOME RESPONSE AND 2) IN THE
COURSE OF A BASIC MINCOM TRADE POLICY REVIEW (WHICH
WILL INCLUDE A SEPARATE SECTION ON IRAN/US) FATEMI
HAS INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF THE MTN AND IN THAT
CONNECTION IS WORKING UP WHAT HE CALLS A "WANTS"
LIST REPRESENTING EXPORT POTENTIAL ITEMS IN THE
MEDIUM TERM AND THESE ITEMS MAY SURFACE IN GENEVA.

2. FATEMI'S RESPONSE WAS CONSIDERABLY SHARPER ON THE ISSUE OF LDC (E.G. IRAN'S) RECIPROCITY IN THE MTN. HE SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE MTN PROVIDED FOR NON-RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS BY THE DC'S TO THE LDC'S, I.E. LDC'S NOT REQUIRED TO EXTEND RECIPROCAL TREATMENT TO DC'S. HE SAID THAT ON A BILATERAL BASIS IRAN'S EXCLUSION FROM THE US' GSP MAKES THE SUBJECT OF RECIPROCITY IRRELEVANT. IN THIS CONNECTION HE REFERRED TO THE MARCH MEETINGS IN TEHRAN OF THE IRANO-U.S. JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL AND THE DISCUSSION OF GSP EXCLUSION. HE QUOTED THE MINUTES AS SAYING THAT THE VANIK SUB-COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON TRADE (WHICH WERE TO INCLUDE GSP) SCHEDULED FOR MID-JULY 1977 WERE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. EMBOFF'S COMMENTS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATIONS COMMITMENT TO REVISE THE GSP TO OVERCOME THIS EXCLUSION AND THE CURRENT U.S. LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT WHICH MAKES SUCH LIBERALIZATIONS DIFFICULT MADE LITTLE IMPACT ON FATEMI, WHO COMMENTED THAT THE EXECUTIVE HAD YET TO MAKE THE MATTER ONE OF PRIORITY.

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